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URBAN DISTRICT OF BOWDON

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BOWDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Committee

Membership 1968/69

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Public Health Inspector

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Council Offices,
The Firs,
Bowdon.

To the Chairman and Members of Bowdon Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Submitted is the report herewith concerning the health of the District for your information.

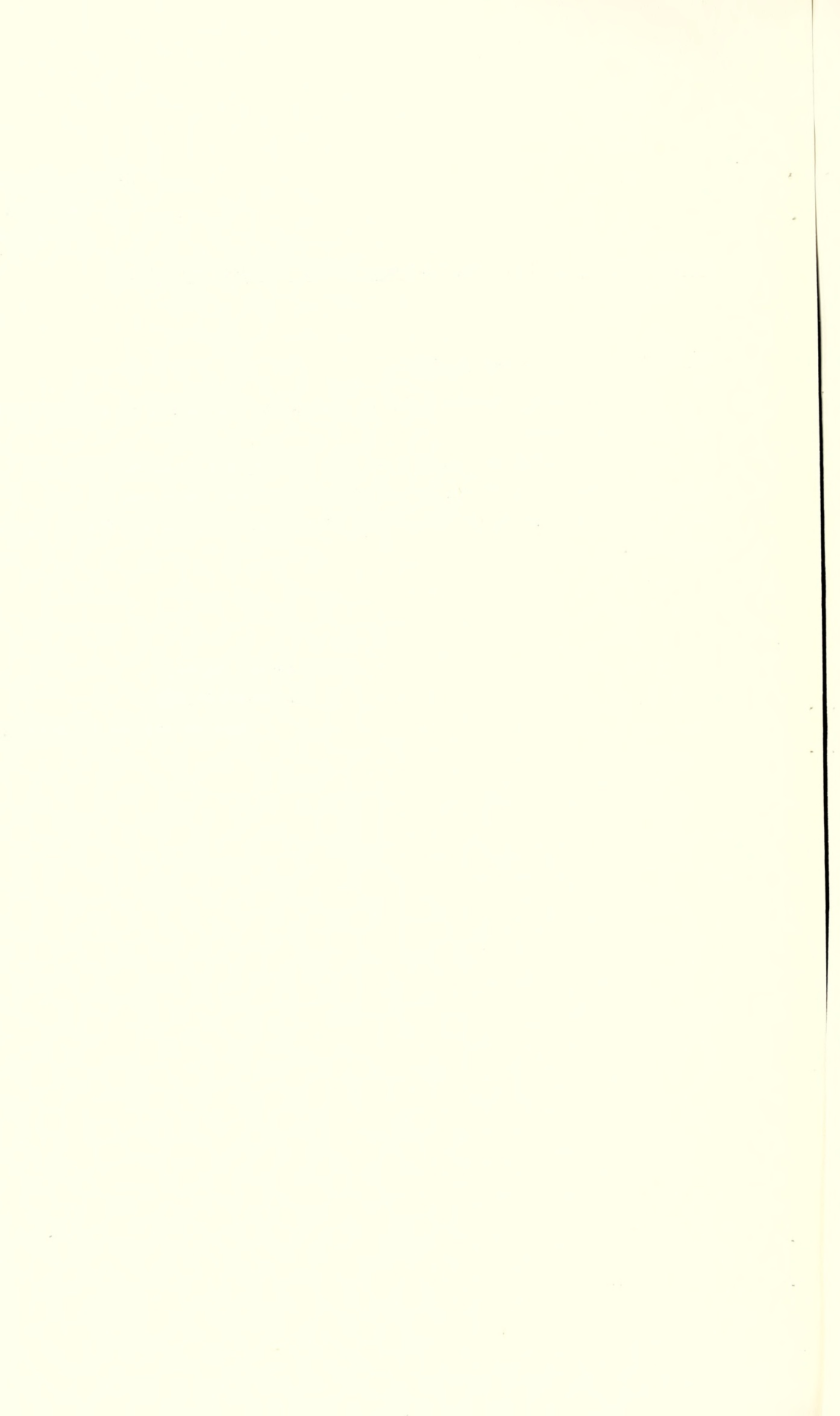
Dr. E. H. Gordon was present in this period, but as he has now left I formally present it on his behalf without comment, which has in fact been diligently covered by the submission of your Surveyor and Public Health Inspector:

I am,

Your obedient servant,

W. DAVIDSON-LAMB

Medical Officer of Health.



Council Offices,
The Firs,
Bowdon.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Bowdon Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my report on the work carried out by the Health Department of the Council during the year 1968.

As you remember, owing to the unfortunate death of Mr. L.J. Cottrell, I succeeded to the office of Public Health Inspector in May, 1968, and I have continued as such ever since. The first four months of the year were under the control of Mr. Cottrell, but there appears to be little of major importance which is necessary to bring to your attention.

Certain improvements have however, been carried out during the year these are set out in detail in the report following.

The Standard Improvement Grants scheme does not appear to have been taken advantage of by the Bowdon Ratepayers, as was expected, only three Improvement Grants amounting to a total of £434 were paid during the year. Publicity however, given later in the year has speeded up the applications for this type of grant and there has been a steady improvement since.

Bowdon is very fortunate in not having a slum clearance problem, as only a few sub-standard houses exist in the district. Several small improvements have been effected on this type of house during the year but generally speaking I have no hesitation in saying that the housing conditions in Bowdon may be considered as satisfactory.

The Summer of 1968 passed without incident, with the exception of an increased number of wasp nests which had to be dealt with. These were cleared effectively by our Rodent Operator as soon as they were reported to us. The co-operation between the Department and the Residents in regard to Rodent Control has kept this down to a desired minimum and only a few cases of rodent infestation are reported to us.

The inspection of meat and food continues and nothing of importance has occurred with the exception of one complaint in respect of a loaf of sliced bread which was below the standard required. This occurred during the month of January and action was taken by the County Food and Drugs Department, and a prosecution was sustained.

The collection of house refuse continues to operate satisfactorily, the whole of the district being cleared by a very efficient team of scavengers. During the year the whole of the refuse collected was tipped on the Hale Council's Tip, this is by arrangement with the Hale Urban District Council, in order that the Bowdon Tip could be temporarily closed.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal has not caused a lot of trouble during the year, with the exception of heavy rain which caused flooding in the Bowdon Vale area. As a result of this flooding which was found to be due to overloaded sewers, the Council instructed Messrs. Ward, Ashcroft and Parkman, Consulting

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Engineers of Liverpool to carry out a further inspection and report. This was in the course of preparation towards the end of 1968 and it may be possible to report further next year.

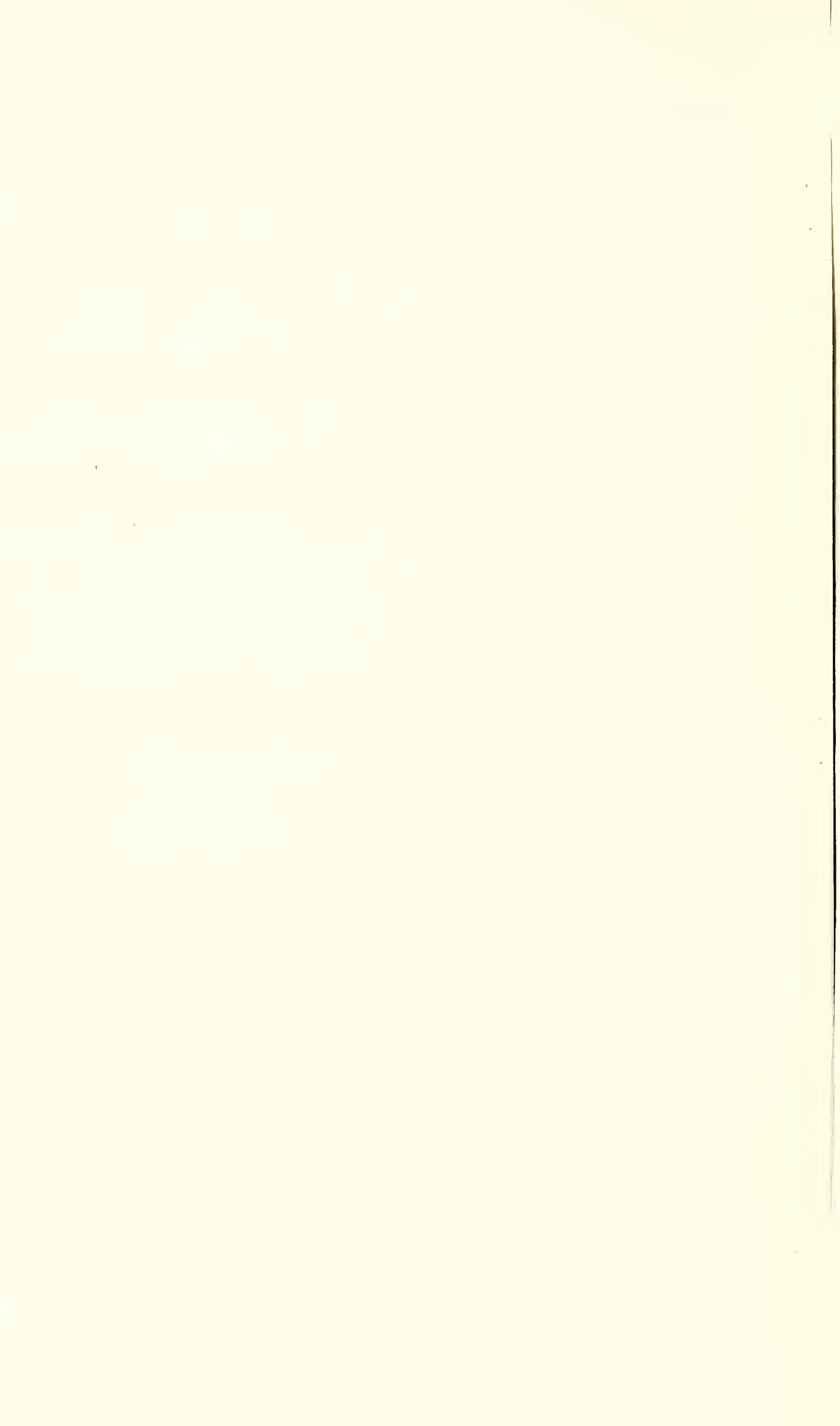
Vandalism at the Sewage Works which was growing regularly has been abated by the provision of a guard dog at the works and this has proved to be a very effective deterrent.

With a view to increasing the drainage facilities in the Bowdon Vale area the Council carried out the construction of a new sewer in Vicarage Lane and this was constructed without incident and completed by the end of October, 1968 at a cost of £12,934.

You will notice from the following report that the district has been fairly clear of infectious diseases during the past year with the exception of an outbreak of dysentery at Beechmount Childrens Home, Langham Road, Bowdon which was soon cleared up.

This being my first full year as Public Health Inspector, may I express my appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their kindness and consideration and the Medical Officer of Health for his advice and guidance during the year and also to the members of my staff for their co-operation, particularly my Secretary Miss Carolyn Thomason both in respect of her work during the year and her help in the compilation of this report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
G. R. BUTLER.
Public Health Inspector.



GENERAL STATISTICS

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Area of District	1090	1090	1090
Average height above sea level	220	220	220
Registrar General's estimated mid-year population	4660	4670	4710
Number of inhabited houses	1489	1520	1511
Rateable Value	£213,224	£220,550	£221,281
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£888	£881	£893

VITAL STATISTICS

Total live births	54	60	53
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	11.8	12.84	11.25
Comparability factor	1.06	1.06	1.06
Standardised birth rate	12.5	13.61	11.93
General birth rate per England and Wales	17.7	17.2	16.8
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	-	-	9.4

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Total still births	1	0	0
Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	18.18	0	0
Total live and still births	55	60	53
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	62.5	0	41.66
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	0	0	0
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	0	0
Maternal Deaths	0	0	0
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	0	0	0

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Total deaths	66	64	72
Crude death rate per 1,000 population	14.16	13.7	15.28
Comparability factor	0.67	0.61	0.66
Standardised death rate	9.48	8.35	10.07
General Death Rate	11.7	11.2	11.85
Deaths from Cancer	8	8	9
Deaths from Tuberculosis	0	0	0

PART TWO - TABLES

Infant Mortality

Table 1 - Live Births

	<u>Legitimate</u>			<u>Illegitimate</u>			<u>Totals</u>		
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Male	31	27	28	4	1	4	35	28	32
Female	17	28	20	2	4	1	19	32	21
Total	48	55	48	6	5	5	54	60	53

Table 2 - Still Births

	<u>Legitimate</u>			<u>Illegitimate</u>			<u>Totals</u>		
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Male	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Table 3 - Deaths of Infants

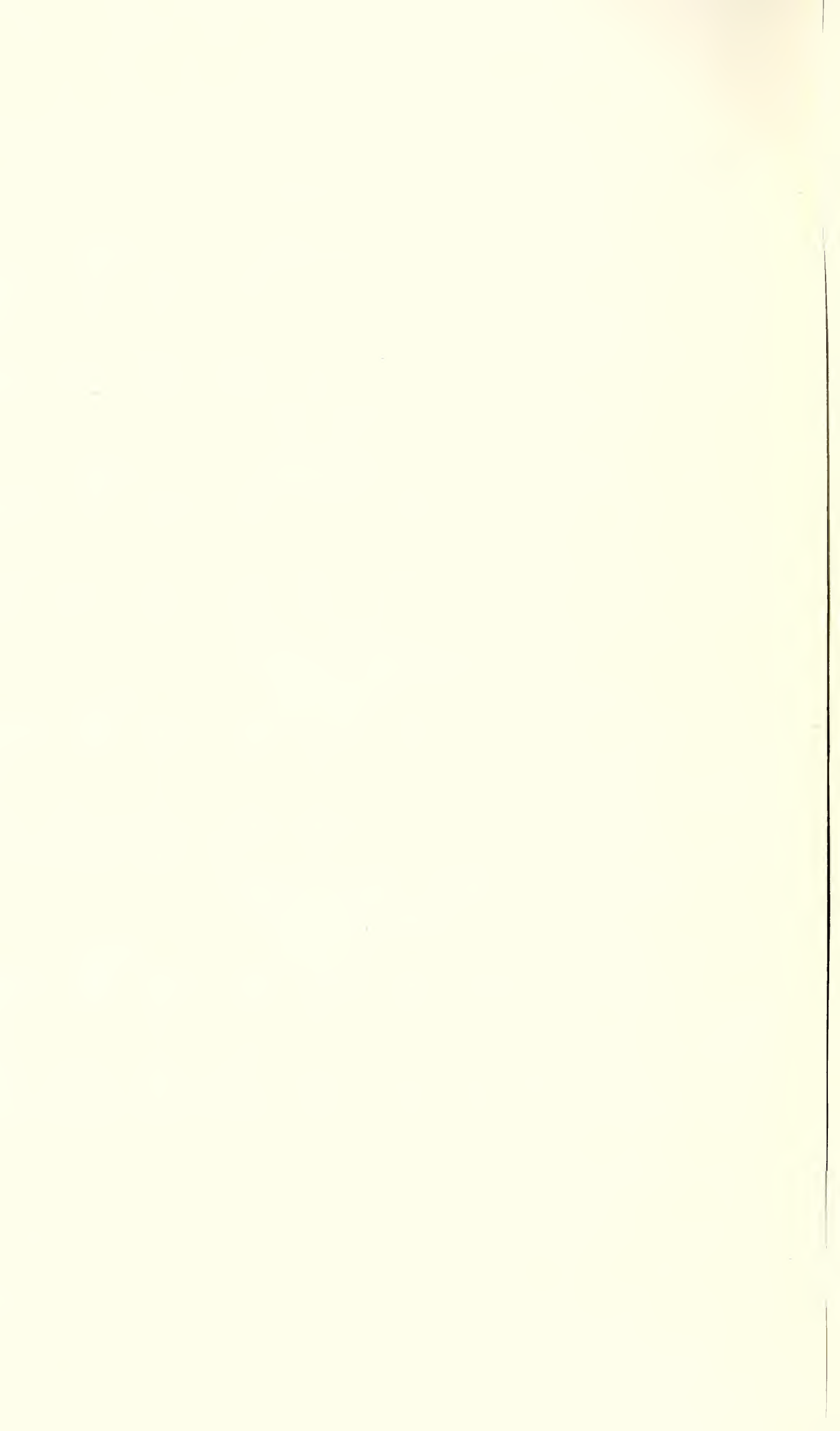
Under 1 year of age

	<u>Legitimate</u>			<u>Illegitimate</u>			<u>Totals</u>		
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1

Table 4 - Deaths of Infants

Under 4 weeks of age

	<u>Legitimate</u>			<u>Illegitimate</u>			<u>Totals</u>		
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1
Total	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

	Scarlet Fever.		Whooping Cough		Measles excluding Rubella.		Food Poisoning		Respiratory Tuberculosis.		Dysentery.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
For year ended 1968	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quarter Ended 31st March.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Quarter Ended 30th June.	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quarter Ended 30th September.	-	1	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quarter Ended 31st December.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Male and Female	-	2	-	-	8	6	-	-	1	-	-	-

Figures as compared with 1966-1967

Disease	Number of cases Notified		
	1966	1967	1968
Scarlet Fever	1	1	2
Whooping Cough	0	2	0
Measles excluding Rubella	18	40	14
Respiratory Tuberculosis	0	0	1
Dysentery	0	2	0
Food Poisoning	0	2	0
	34	63	17
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T H E N A T I O N A L H E A L T H A C T S E R V I C E S & S E R V I C E S

Provided by the Cheshire County
Council

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, 1946.

1. Hospital Services

Controlling Body Manchester Regional Hospital Board.
Local Hospitals Administered by North West, Mid Cheshire
Hospital Management Committee.
Secretary Mr. F. Fowden, Administrative Offices, Altrincham
Maternity Hospital, Sinderland Road, Altrincham.

2. Hospitals Serving this Area

General Acute Cases Altrincham General Hospital and Denzell Convalescent
Home, Bowdon.

General Chronic
Cases Withington Hospital, Manchester and Cranford
Lodge, Knutsford.

Maternity Hospitals Southfields, Bowdon and Altrincham Maternity
Hospital.

Ear, Nose and
Throat St. Ann's Home, Altrincham.

Infectious
Diseases Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath, Manchester.

Smallpox Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital near Bury.

Bowdon Residents are also treated in the many Manchester Hospitals.

3. General Practitioners and General Dental Services.

Controlling Body National Health Service Executive Council
of Cheshire.

Clerk Mr. F. Hayter, 28 Nicholas Street, Chester.

4. Services of Local Health Authority - Cheshire County Council.

Altrincham Divisional Health Committee

Immunisation and Vaccination Care of mothers and young children
under the age of five years.

Care and after care Health Visiting

Home Help Service District Nursing

Dormiciliary Midwifery Chiropody Service

Care of Handicapped Persons Clinic - Bowdon Vale.

Cheshire County Council Services

Ambulance Service Ambulance Station, Manchester Road, Broadheath,
Altrincham.

Tel. No. 928 3256.

Cheshire County Council Services

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Maternity and Child Welfare	The Child Welfare Centre is open every Wednesday at Lister House, Broomfield Lane, Hale.
Dormiciliary Midwifery and District Nursing	Sister Warburton, Vicarage Lane, Bowdon Vale.
Dental Services	Lister House - School Dentist or the Dental Hospital, Manchester.
Mental Health Service	Occupation Centre, Navigation Road, Altrincham - J. Thompson, 5 School Road, Sale.

The Divisional Health Area covers Altrincham Municipal Borough, Hale Urban District Council, Knutsford Urban District Council, Bowdon Urban District Council and Bucklow Rural District Council.

Other Services by other Committees of Cheshire County Council

<u>Education Committee</u>	School Health Services, including School Dental Services.
<u>Welfare Committee</u> County Welfare Officer, Mr. Evans, County Hall, Chester.	Elderly persons, care and attention of homeless and handicapped persons, provisions for residential accommodation.
<u>Children's Committee</u> Officer. Mr. J. Blades, Area Office, Stamford House, Stamford New Road, Altrincham.	Provides for the care of deprived children - children not under parental care, foster children etc.

The Divisional Medical Officer of Health

W. Davidson Lamb, M.C. M.B. Ch.B.DPH.,
"Mountlands",
The Mount,
Church Street,
Altrincham,
Cheshire,

Telephone 928-5323

CAUSES OF DEATH FOR THE YEAR 1968

1968

1967

Causes of Death	Male	Female	Total	Total
Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-
Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-
Cerebrovascular Disease	7	9	16	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	7	6	13	-
Hypertensive Disease	1	-	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	2	3	-
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung and Bronchus	2	2	4	4
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	-	-	-	1
Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	-	-	-	-
Other malignant Neoplasms	4	3	7	-
Leukemia and Aleukemia	-	-	-	1
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	1	1	-
Diabetes	-	-	-	-
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	-	-	-	11
Other diseases of nervous system	-	3	3	-
Coronary Disease - Angina	-	-	-	8
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-	1
Other heart diseases	1	4	5	13
Other circulatory diseases	-	3	3	2
Influenza	1	4	5	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	3
Bronchitis	2	2	4	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1	1
Intestinal obstruction and Hernia	1	-	1	-

Causes of Death	1968		1967	
	Male	Female	Total	Total
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	-	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	-	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth & abortion	-	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations	-	-	-	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	-	3	3	8
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	1
All other accidents	-	-	-	2
Suicide	-	-	-	1
Nephritis & Nephrosis	1	1	2	1
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-
	28	44	72	64

Total of all Causes

	Under 4 weeks.	Under 1 year.	1.	5	15.	25.	35.	45.	55.	65.	75.	Total
Males	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	7	7	11	28
Females	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	11	27	44
Totals	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	10	17	38	72

M A N C H E S T E R C O R P O R A T I O N W A T E R W O R K S

WATER SUPPLY

The whole of the Urban District lies within the area of supply of the Manchester Corporation Waterworks, whose Engineer and Manager has kindly supplied the following information:-

- (1) The water supply to this area has been satisfactory in respect of quality.
- (2) 361 bacteriological samples were taken from Consumers' taps in the Southern District of Manchester's distribution area of which Bowdon forms part. 91.4% were coliform-free and classed as excellent, 99.7% were free of coli type 1, and all cases where unsatisfactory samples were obtained repeat samples gave excellent results.

76 chemical analyses were carried out on samples taken from consumers' taps in the Southern District in 1968. A typical analysis on water taken from a consumer's tap in the district was as follows:-

Appearance	- Clear, colourless, free from sediment.
Colour hazen	5
Turbidity, ppm. silica	1
pH	7.4
Total alkalinity as ppm. CaCO_3	16
Total hardness as ppm. CaCO_3	22
Calcium as ppm. CaCO_3	18
Chlorides, ppm. as Cl	8
Iron, ppm. Fe	0.07

Slight seasonal variations occur during the year, but the above figures may be regarded as typical.

- (3) The supply to the district is a mixture of waters from Thirlmere and Haweswater. The standard test for plumbosolvency has been applied to each, and both supplies gave satisfactory results. (Lime is added to water leaving Thirlmere and to water from Haweswater at Woodgate Hill, in order to correct any plumbosolvency of the raw lake water).
- (4) If bacteriological or chemical contamination is found additional flushing (additional to normal periodic flushing) is carried out, together with swabbing and, if necessary, re-sterilisation of the mains is carried out. During 1968 this was not necessary in the Bowdon area, although of course, mains were re-sterilised as a matter of routine after any work had been carried out upon them.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

I am indebted to the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, Cheshire County Council for the following details of samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act.

Name of Sample	Number Obtained	Number of Non-Standard Samples
Basilicon Ointment	1	
Butter, Unsalted, Creamery	1	
Figs, Syrup of	1	
Milk - fresh	13	
Monosodium Glutamate	1	
Paprika	1	
Raspberry Syrup	1	
Sage, dried nibbed	1	
Sausages (with pres.)	1	
Sausages - pork	1	
Sweets - French Nougat	1	
- Refreshers	1	
- Rhubarb and Custard	1	

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Particulars of samples not up to Standard (1968)

Sample	Result of Analysis	Remarks
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Particulars of food complaints from private purchasers
(1968)

From	Nature	Remarks
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MILK SUPPLY

There are two milk distributors in Bowdon and these are as follows:-

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Obtained from</u>
Manchester & Salford Co-op, Society Ltd., Vicarage Lane, Bowdon.	Pasteurised Sterilised	Manchester & Salford Co-op, Society Ltd., Downing Street, Manchester, 1.
A. & E. Warburton, Grange Farm, Grange Road, Bowdon.	Pasteurised Sterilised	Wm. Horner Creameries, The Creamery, Cuddington.

Other milk distributors around Bowdon

A. Heald Ltd., Bedford Drive, Timperley.		Stanley Morton & Son, Yew Tree Farm, High Legh, Nr. Knutsford.
Wm. Wright, Little Thorns Green Farm, Ashley.		E. Hughes, Chapel Lane Dairy, Breeze Hill, Hale.
J. H. Nixon, 156 Leigh Road, Hale, Altrincham.	Minor Hermitage Road, Hale, Altrincham.	G. Booth Hale Road, Hale Barns, Altrincham.

Shops which sell milk in Bowdon

A. K. Smethurst, Vale Buildings, Vicarage Lane, Bowdon.	M. Rutherford. 1 Church View, Vicarage Lane, Bowdon.
Brookes(Grocers)Ltd., The Polygon, Stamford Road, Bowdon.	

MILK SUPPLIES - BRUCELLA ABORTUS

The following samples were obtained during the year 1968, and submitted for Brucella examination from the "raw milk" herds in the Bowdon area.

	<u>Total Submitted.</u>	<u>Number Brucella Positive</u>
Bulk Samples	-	-
Dealer Samples (herd samples)	-	-
Individual Cow Samples	-	-
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There were at the end of 1968 dairy herds in this district from which raw milk was sold to the public.

RESULTS OF MILK SAMPLES TAKEN DURING 1968

PRODUCER	DEALER	SAMPLES TAKEN	RESULT
Healds of Didsbury	Healds of Timperley	10 Pasteurised Samples	Pass Methylene Blue Test Pass Phosphatase Test
Express Dairies, Wythenshawe.	Warburton, Grange Farm, Grange Road, Bowdon.	4 Pasteurised Samples	Pass Methylene Blue Test Pass Phosphatase Test
Express Dairies, Wythenshawe.	Smethurst, Vicarage Lane, Bowdon.	1 Pasteurised Sample	Pass Methylene Blue Test
Express Dairies, Wythenshawe.	M. Rutherford, 1 Church View, Vicarage Lane, Bowdon.	1 Pasteurised Sample	Pass Methylene Blue Test
Express Dairies, Wythenshawe.	Minor, Hermitage Road, Hale, Altrincham,	1 Pasteurised Sample	Pass Methylene Blue Test
Manchester & Salford Co-op. Society Ltd., Downing Street, Manchester, 1.	Manchester & Salford Co-op. Society Ltd., Vicarage Lane, Bowdon.	7 Pasteurised Samples	Pass Methylene Blue Test Pass Phosphatase Test
Stanley Morton & Son, Yew Tree Farm, High Legh, Knutsford.	same	1 Pasteurised Sample	Pass Methylene Blue Test Pass Phosphatase Test
L.H.D., Manchester.	Brookes, The Polygon, Stamford Road, Bowdon.	1 Pasteurised Sample	Pass Methylene Blue Test Pass Phosphatase Test.

PETROLEUM LICENCES

There are only four places who are licenced to keep petroleum in the District, two of these premises sell petrol and two keep petrol for their own private use.

These are as follows:-

Cheshire and North Wales Garages Ltd., Bowdon Filling Station, Chester Road, Bowdon.

R. E. Scragg Esq., Stamford Garage, The Firs, Bowdon.

The above mentioned places keep petrol for retail purposes.

H. Ormson & Co. Ltd., St. Mary's Road, Bowdon.

M.G. Whitney, Levenot, Charcoal Road, Bowdon.

The above mentioned places keep petrol for their own private use.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The undermentioned premises are registered under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Offices

British Red Cross Society, Larkhill, Heald Road, Bowdon.
Newtronic Controls Ltd., The Polygon, Stamford Road, Bowdon.
A.P. Hanley & Co., The Polygon, 4 Stamford Road, Bowdon.
Scrivens Ltd., Scrivens House, Richmond Road, Bowdon.

Shops

Kathleen Douglas, Hairdresser, 37 Eaton Road, Bowdon.
Eustacia Gift Shop, 7 Stamford Road, Bowdon.
C.W. Waterhouse, Grocer, 8 Vale View, Vicarage Lane, Bowdon.
Brook and Sons, Grocers, The Polygon, Stamford Road, Bowdon.
R.J.S. Hough, Francesca, Stamford Road, Bowdon.
Manchester & Salford Co-operative Society, Grocers, Vicarage Lane, Bowdon.
T.F. Hope, Greengrocer, 5 Vale View, Vicarage Lane, Bowdon.
E.N. & M. Silgrim, Vale Buildings, Vicarage Lane, Bowdon. (Newsagent).
E.N. & M. Silgrim, Newsagent and Sub Post Office, 11 Vicarage Lane, Bowdon.
Miss K.J. Hough, Maria Hairdresser, 5 Stamford Road, Bowdon.
A.K. Smethurst, Grocer/Hardware, Vale Buildings, Vicarage Lane, Bowdon.

Hotels & Restaurants

Bowdon Hotel, Langham Road, Bowdon.
The Barbecue Restaurant, Richmond Road, Bowdon.

Public Houses

The Griffin Hotel, Stamford Road, Bowdon.
Stamford Arms Hotel, The Firs, Bowdon.

Nursing Homes

Mountlands, (Bowdon) Ltd., 3 Enville Road, Bowdon.

Social Clubs

Bowdon Vale Social Club, Vicarage Lane, Bowdon.

The aforementioned premises are inspected from time to time to see whether they comply with the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Regulations.

On inspection of The Polygon, Stamford Road, by my predecessor Mr. Cottrell, it was found that these premises did not comply in that there was not sufficient W.C. and Washing Facilities for the number of mixed staff that were employed.

After a long delay, this matter has now been resolved and the new facilities are in the course of being fixed.

No other serious contraventions of the Act were noted in the course of inspecting premises.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Inspection of Dwelling Houses regarding complaints	76
Inspection of Council Houses regarding complaints	208
Inspection of Premises regarding Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning	54
Inspection of Schools	4
Inspection of Premises regarding the sale of Ice Cream	2
Inspection of Butchers Shops	2
Inspection of Fried Fish Shops	2
Inspection of Food Shops	10
Inspection of Hotels and Cafes	14
Inspection of School Canteens	2
Inspection of Work Places	Nil
Inspection of premises regarding Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	4
Inspection of Sewage Disposal Works	52
Inspection of Hairdressing Premises	Nil
Inspection of Premises regarding Petroleum Regulations.	4
Miscellaneous Inspections	54
Informal Notices served (including verbal intimations)	16
Statutory Notices Served	Nil
Informal Notices complied with	16
Statutory Notices complied with	Nil
Number of houses inspected under the Housing and Public Health Acts.	20
Number of inspections under the Housing and Public Health Acts.	18

